development of the Asian Highway Network is an on-going process with provision made for the revision of the network, once in every five years. The 2nd Revision of the Asian Highway Network is due around the year 2000. ESCAP has already started receiving proposals from some member-countries for new routes to be added or replaced. ESCAP is also collecting road data and information through its own studies based on the ESCAP Asian Highway Database to prepare for the revision of the Asian Highway Network around 2000. The Asian Highway Network component in India has been finalised.

Value addition Norms for Agro-Based Exports

1266. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have modified minimum value addition norms for agro-based Export Oriented Units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when such amendment will be made?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Suggestions, if any, received for change/modifications would be kept in view while formulating the Export Import Policy.

Production Consumption and Export of Mica

1267. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the production, consumption and export of mica during the last one year;

(b) whether there is any slump in the world trade of mica during this period; and

(c) the contribution of MITCO in the production, trade and giving employment during one year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) Sir, the production, consumption and export of mica during last one year is as follows:

(Qty. in Tonnes)

Year	Production* (Crude, Waste & Scrap)	Consu-mption	Export** (Including power waste & Scrap)
1997-98	2766	Not available	30850

Source: *IBM, Nagpur; **DGCI&S

(b) Yes Sir, there has been a slump in the mica trade on account of world-wide recessionary conditions.

(c) Erstwhile MITCO (Mica Trading Corporation of India Limited), now Mica Division of MMTC is engaged in export of Mica scrap (canalised) and mica based products but not in mica mining and production. MMTC's Mica trade turnover during 1997-98 was Rs. 1268 Lakhs, Export of Mica also generates indirect employment at various stages from mining and production to exports. However, the from figures regarding the contribution of such employment is not assessed by MMTC.

Indo-Myanmar Treaty

1268. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism for proper monitoring of the Indo-Myanmar trade treaty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that this treaty has resulted in great loss to Indian traders and greatly benefited the Myanmar traders; and